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Objectives, principles and mechanisms of openness in the military sphere

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In order to help ensure that military openness becomes a universal norm of international life, it might be possible to agree that measures to promote such openness, specifically under the auspices of the United Nations, provide for the following:

The annual voluntary submission by States to the United Nations of information on the strength of their armed forces (both as a whole and by principal service - army, air force, navy, etc.); on basic types of arms (tanks, armoured cars, artillery, military aeroplanes and helicopters, major surface vessels (including landing craft) and submarines); on levels of forces outside national territory; and, for nuclear Powers, on launching systems for intercontinental and submarine-launched ballistic missiles, heavy bombers and surface-based tactical nuclear missiles;

The annual voluntary submission by States of information to the existing standardized United Nations reporting system for military expenditures;

An increase in the predictability of the military construction programmes of United Nations Member States through mutual assurances of transparency in the military budgets of such Member States.

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